

PLANNING RETREAT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 29-March 2, 2008
Scott's Valley, California

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, Feb. 29, 2-4 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of January 18th Meeting Minutes (Jane C.)
3. Review of appointments process; Subcommittee review (Jodi)
4. Call for Ex.Comm officer candidates (Jodi)
4. Legislation Committee (Bill Westerfield/Greg N.)
5. Publications
 - a. Newsletter (Bill Wick)
 - b. Update (Cyndy)
6. MCLE programs: recent and planned (Kristen/Jodi)
 - a. Sacramento Bar co-sponsored lunch program, Jan. 18 (Sacramento) (Kristen)
 - b. Env'tl Law & 1st Amend. Symposium, Mar. 6 (Berkeley) (Jim & Richard)
 - c. Your Voice – North Coast Program – Humboldt, May 2nd (Pete, Paul)
 - d. Central Coast issues (Stephen, Pat) (May 16-17; San Luis Obispo)
 - e. Roundtables, June 20-22 (San Diego) (Greg T. & Kristen)
 - f. Your Voice – Resolving Environmental Disputes – June 13th (Pete)
7. Section Education Institute section CLE programs (Jodi)
8. Annual Meeting 2007 section CLE programs (Jodi)
9. Student Environmental Negotiations Competition, April 4 (Los Angeles) (Russell)
10. Law school programs update
11. Diversity Fellowships
12. Announcements
13. New Matters/Co-Sponsorship Requests

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Retreat Overview and Planning: Friday, February 23, 4-5 p.m. (Jodi, Kristen)

- a. Retreat Overview
- b. Environmental Law Section's Mission: Are We Meeting It?
- c. What Are Our Goals and Objectives?
- d. Theme for Planning: What else might we do to better serve our members, other lawyers, law students or the public?

Financials: Saturday, March 1, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Pete)

- 1) Historical context — The Carryover and how it got here
 - a) Review of section finances and Yosemite numbers 2004-2007
- 2) Factors affecting the future:
 - a) Revenue: (i) Membership numbers
 - (ii) Sponsorships:
 - (x) Bar Guidelines for Sponsors' Advertisement of Programs
 - (xi) Yosemite
 - (xii) Other Sponsorship Opportunities
 - (iii) Are sponsorship levels "institutionalized"
 - (iv) Sustaining sponsorship levels into the future (help for Tal)
 - b) Expenses: (i) Rising costs from the bar?
 - (ii) Rising costs for Yosemite (speaker fees)
- 3. Fixing a reserve as a matter of policy
- 4. Earmarking the "surplus"
 - a) Are our mission goals being adequately funded?
 - b) Short term projects/ long term programs/ endowments
 - c) What does the surplus allow us to do that we don't do but should?
 - d) What does the surplus allow us to do that we do not do

Introduction to Future Section Activity Planning 11:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. (Jodi/Kristen)

Review of Functions/Goals: Education, Publications, Legislative Analysis, Service to Section Members, Other Attorneys, and Public

Future Section Activity Planning: Saturday, March 1, 1:30-4:30 p.m. (Kristen, Jodi)

Theme: What work do we want to do to use our resources to better serve our members, other lawyers, students or the public?

- 1) Evaluating and Invigorating Our Existing Programs
 - a) Review of Section and ExComm structure (subcommittees)
 - b) Participation in programs and activities
 - c) Education
 - i) Review of Past Programs (Successes, Failures, Lessons)
 - ii) Expanding or Focusing Our Programs
 - iii) When we can plan programs – calendar and Bar Staff limitations
 - iv) Planning for 2008-09 Programs/Brainstorming Future Programs
 - (1) Annual Programs
 - (2) Other Programs
 - d) Publications (Marketing, Advertising, etc.)
 - e) Legislative Efforts (Reports, Updates, etc.)
 - f) Service
 - (1) Climate-Friendly/Carbon/Neutral Committee
 - (2) Other?
 - g) Outreach
 - i) Outreach to Law Schools/Students
 - ii) Outreach to Lawyers: Local Bar Associations, ABA, Potential Section Members
 - iii) Rural outreach (including mentoring)
 - iv) Minority/underserved communities outreach
- 2) Brainstorming Other Non-MCLE Section work
 - a) Law Student/Diversity Fellowships
 - i) ABA Fellowships
 - ii) Do we want our own fellowships?
 - b) Sustainability outreach
 - c) Other programs?

- 3) Communications
 - a) Website
 - i) Utilizing the website
 - ii) Website committee
 - b) Workroom
 - c) Other communications
- 4) Our Section's co-sponsorship of other's programs: review and discussion
- 5) Other Planning Matters
 - a) Retreat '09?
- 6) Planning Wrap Up

Yosemite: Sunday, March 2, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. (Stuart, Richard, Dana)

- 1) Conference Logistics
- 2) Plenaries
- 3) Panels and Roundtables – do we continue the global climate change theme?
- 4) Outdoor Programs
- 5) Sustainability Outreach
- 6) Other

Next Meeting: Friday, April 4, 2008, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
UCLA, Los Angeles (with Negotiations Competition)